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RESPONSE

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Dear Sir:

In response to the Office Action, dated July 31, 2001, please enter the following amendments and consider the following remarks. A marked version to show changes is attached hereto.

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

Please amend the specification at page 8, line 0 to read as follows:

What is claimed is

IN THE CLAIMS:

Please amend claim 8 to read as follows:

3. b. The method of claim 6, and further comprising:

applying a hysteresis sub-process at one of the two ends if nonvalid data is received at that end after resynchronization has occurred at both ends.